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The rear of the vast army of Holiday shoppers will purchase to-day and to-morrow-and we want to capture the rear. It's the home stretch, you know, and the home stretch winner never loses

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are the reduced figures we've put on the balance of our stock of such appropriate Christmas gifts as Toilet Sets, Manieure Sets, Work Cases, Shaving Sets, Smoking Sets, Silver hand and three-fold Mirrors, Silver Hair Brushes and Combs, Silver Clothes Brushes, Silver Pocket Flasks, Silver Bon-Bon Trays, Silver Pin Cushions, Silver Cigar and Cigarette Sets, Silver Cigar Moistening Combination Cases, Silver Card Receivers, Silver Mounted Chatelaine Bags, Pocketbooks, Picture Frames, Whisk Broom Holders, Key Holders, Photograph Albums, Autograph and Scrap Albums, etc., etc. These goods at virtually your own prices to day, to-morrow and up to 12 o'clock Christmas Day.

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goes on serenely and we're disposing of piles of Suits and Overcoats daily. It may not be a profitable business for us considering our reduced prices, but we are bent on selling our winter stock, instead, as other clothiers do, pack it away for future seasons. Come in, then, at any time before 12 o'clock next Wednesday,

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SBURG AND CASTLE SHANNON E. R. nicer Time Table. On and after December till further notice, trains will run as follows y day, areast Sanday. Eastern standard Leaving Filtsburg 4:29 a. m., 7:10 a. 10., 4. 9.00 h. m., 11:00 n. m., 15:00 p. m., 25:00 p. m., 5:00 p. m., 7:00 p. m., 7:0	yen, 175,30 a. m., 75,50 p. m. For West Newton 175,30, 5,35 a. m., 75,20, 5,50 p. m. ARRIVE-From New Haven, 78,20 a. m., 75,10 p. m. From West Newton, 5,15, 78,20 a. m., 1,25 fs. p. m. Full McKeesport, Elizabeth, Mononcahela Cit and Rolfe Vernon, 5,20, 77,20, 11,15 a. m., 12,26 fs. 15, 10 p. m. From Belle Vernon, Mononcahela City, Elizabeth and McKeesport, 7,55 a. m., 1975, 11,20, 5,25 fs. p. m. **Dally, Tenndays caly, 1,2011 run cos beaute of water and McKeesport, 1,25 a. m., 1975, 11,20, 5,25 fs. p. m.

PRAYER AND PROVISIONS

feel that God is going to let you starve?"
The lad looked up in the woman's face and said: "Do you think God will let me starve when I itrust Him, and then do the best I can?" Enough theology for older people! Trust in God and do the best you can. Amid all the worriments of house keeping, go to Him; he will help you control temper, and supervise your domestics, trol temper, and supervise your domestics, and entertain your guests, and manage your home economies. There are hundreds of weak, and nervous, and exhausted

with the cares of housekeeping. I com-mend you to the Lord Jesus Christ as the best adviser and most efficient aid—the

lons will be enough; certainly ten. But Jesus goes on, and be gives them thirty gallons, and forty gallons, and fifty gallons, and come, and on the week day the man was obliged to move out of the house lons, and one hundred and thirty gallons of | with his whole tamily. That night he knelt

It is just like Itim, doing everything on the largest and most generous scale. Does Christ, our creator, go forth to make leaves? He makes them by the whole forest full; notched like fern, or silvered like the aspen, or broad like the palm; thickets in the tropics, Oregon forests. Does He go forth to make flowers? He makes plenty of them; they flame from the hedge, they hang from the top of the grapevine in blossoms, they roll in the blue wave of the violeta, they toes their white ser! into the spirsea—enough for every child's hand a flower, enough to make for every brow a chaplet, enough with beauty to cover up the ghastliness or all the graves. Does He go forth to make water? He pours it out, not by the cupful, but by a river full, a lake full, an ocean full, pouring it out until all the earth has enough to

drink, and enough with which to wash. Does Jesus, our Lord, provide redemption? It is not a little saivation for this one, a little for that, and a little for the other; but enough for all—"Whosoever will, let him come." Each man an ocean

PROMISES AND PARDON. Promises for the young, promises for the old, promises for the lowly, promises for the blind, for the halt, for the outcast, for the blind, for the nait, for the outcast, for the shandoned. Pardon for all, comfort for all, mercy for all, heaven for all; not merely a cupful of gospel supply, but 130 gallons. Ay, the tears of godly repentance are all gathered up into God's bottle, and some day, standing before the throne, we will list our cup of delight and ask that it be filled with the wine of heaven; and Jesus, from that bottled tears will begin to pour in the one. the wine of heaven; and Jesus, from that bottle of tears, will begin to pour in the cup, and we will cry: "Stop, Jesus, we do not want to drink our own tears!" and Jesus will say: "Know ye not that the tears of earth are the wine of heaven?" Sorrow may endure, but Joy cometh in the morning.

I remark further, Jesus does not shadow the Joys of others with His own griets. He might have sat down in that wedding and

anid: "I have so much trouble, so much poverty, so much persecution, and the cross is coming; I shall not rejoice, and the gloom of my face and of my sorrows shall be cast over all this group." So said not Jesus. He said to himself: Here are two persons starting out in married life. Let it be a joyful occasion. I will hide my own griefs. I will kindle their joy." There are many not so wise as that. I know a household where there are many little children, where for two years the musical instrument has been kept shut because there has been trouble in the house. Alas for the folly! Parents saying: "We will have no Christmas heliday because there has been trouble in the house. Hush that laughing upstairs! xt for Talmage's Sermon TER IS STILL MADE INTO WINE, Throughout the Lives of Those Who Have

ar Its Original Scene.

Faith in the Messiah.

wine until now." He said:

gone, and she has a good cry all alone.

CARRIED BACK TO THAT SCENE.

are more people there than were expected.

A METAPHOR WITH LASTING MEANING NO NEED TO BORROW TROUBLE. "How can there be any joy when there has been so much trouble?" And so they make everything consistently deleful, and send their sons and daughters to rain with the gloom they throw around them.

Oh, my dear friends, do you not know wine until now." He said: Standing not far off from the demolished town of what was once called Cana of Galilee, I bethink myselt of our Lord's first manhood miracle, which has been the astonishment of the ages. My visit last week to that place makes vivid in my mind that beautiful occurrence in Christ's ministry.

My text brings us to a wedding in that village. It is a wedding in common life, two My text brings us to a wedding in that village. It is a wedding in common life, two plain people having pledged each other, hand and heart, and their friends having come in for congratulation. The joy is not the less because there is no pretension. In each other they find all the future they want. The daisy in the cup on the table may mean as much as a score of artistic garlands fresh from the hothouse. When a daughter goes

from the hothouse. When a daughter goes saffron sky, the water was all turned into off from home with nothing but a plain | wine. I learn from this miracle that Christ is father's blessing and a plain mother's love, not impatient with the luxuries of life. It was not necessary that they should have that wine. Hundreds of people have been married without any wine. We do not read that any of the other provisions fell short. When Christ made the wine it was not a necessity but a positive luyury. I do not she is missed as much as though she were a princess. It seems bard, after the parents have sheltered her for 18 years, that in a few short months her affections should have been carried off by another; but mother remembers how it was in her own case when she was young; and so she braces up until the wedding has passed, and the banqueters are necessity, but a positive luxury. I do not believe that he wants us to eat hard bread

and sleep on hard mattresses, unless we like them the best. CHRISTIAN RIGHT TO LUXURIES. Well, we are to-day at the wedding in Cana of Galiice. Jesus and his mother have been invited. It is evident that there I think, if circumstances will allow, we have the right to the luxuries of dress, the luxuries of diet, and the luxuries of residence. There is no more religion in an old cost than in a new one. We can serve God drawn by golden plated harness as certainly as when we go a-foot. Jesus Christ will dwell with us under a fine ceiling as well as under a thatched roof and when you can stratched roof and when you can Either some people have come who were not invited, or more invitations have been

sent out than it was supposed would be accepted. Of course there is not enough supply of wine. You know that there is nothing more embarrassing to a housekeeper under a thatched roof; and when you can get wine made out of water, drink as much than a scant supply. Jesus sees the em-barrassment, and He comes up immediately of it as you can.

What is the difference between a Chinese mud hovel and an American home? What is the difference between the rough bearskins of the Russian boor and the outlit of to relieve it. He sees standing six water pots. He orders the servants to fill them with water, then waves His hand over the water, and immediately it is wine-real an American gentleman? No difference, except that which the gospel of Christ, directly or indirectly, has caused. When Christ shall have vanquished all the world I suppose every house will be a mansion, and every garment a robe, and every horse wine. Taste of it, and see for yourselves; no logwood in it, no strychnine in it, but first rate wine. I will not now be diverted the question so often discussed in my own country, whether it is right to drink wine. I am describing an arch-necked courser, and every carriage a glittering vehicle, and every man a king, and every woman a queen, and the whole earth a paradise; the glories of the natural the scene as it was. When God makes wine he makes the very best wine; and 130 gallons of it standing around in these water pots—wine so good that the ruler of the feast world harmonizing with the glories of the material world, until the very bells of the tastes it and says: "Why, this is really better than anything we have had! Thos hast kept the good wine until now." Beautiful miracle! A prize was offered to the person horses shall jingle the praises of the Lord.

I learn, further, from this miracle, that Christ has no impatience with festal joy, otherwise he would not have accepted the invitation to that wedding. He certainly would not have done that which increased who should write the best essay about the miracle in Cana. Long manuscripts were presented in the competition, but a poet won the prize by just this one line descriptive of the hilarity. There may have been many in that room who were happy, but there was The unconscious water saw its God, and blushed. not one of them that did so much for the joy of the wedding party as Christ Himself. He

We learn from this miracle, in the first was the chief of the banqueters. When the wine gave out, He supplied it; and so, I take place, that Christ has sympathy with house-keepers. You might have thought Jesus would have said: "I cannot be bothered with this household deficiency of wine. It it, He will not deny us the joys that are positively festal. THE FIRST-AND INHERENT RIGHT. is not for me, Lord of heaven, of earth, to become caterer to this feast. I have waster things than this to attend to." I think the children of God have more right to laugh than any other people, and to elap their hands as loudly. There is not a single joy denied them that is given to any other people. Christianity doe not clip the wings of the soul. Religion does not Not so said Jesus. The wine gave out, and Jesus, by miraculous power, came to the rescue. Does there ever come a scans the rescue. Does there ever come a scant supply in their household? Have you to make a very close calculation? Is it hard work for you to carry on things decently and respectably? It so, don't sit down and cry. Don't go out and fret; but go to Him who stood in the house in Cana of Galilee. Pray in the parlor! Pray in the kitchen! Let there be no room in all your house unconsecrated by the voice of prayer. If you frost the flowers. What is Christianity? Let there be no room in all your house unconsecrated by the voice of prayer. If you have a microscope, put under it one drop of water, and see the insects floating about; and when you see that God makes abem, and cares for them, and feeds them, come to the conclusion that He will take care of you and feed you, oh, ye of little faith!

first privilege of these grounds? Will be say: "My children, you must not walk through these paths, or sit down under these trees, or pluck this fruit. These are for outsiders. They may walk in them." No father would say anything like that. He would say: "The first privileges in all the grounds, and all of my house, and the grounds, and all of my house, and the grounds." conclusion that He will take care of you and feed you, oh, ye of little faith!

A boy asked if he might sweep the snow from the steps of a house. The lady of the household said: "Yes; you seem very poor."
He says: "I am very poor." She says: "Don't you sometimes get discouraged, and feel that God is going to let you starve?"
The lad looked up in the woman's face and said: "Do you think God will let me said: "Do you think God will let me

may come unto him, let him rejoice. joice in the Lord, ye righteous, and again I say, rejoice." I remark again that Christ comes to us in best adviser and most efficient aid—the Lord Jesus who performed His first miracle to relieve a housekeeper.

NOT A GRUDGING GIVER.

I learn also from this miracle that Christ does things in abundance! I think a small supply of wine would have made up for the deficiency. I think certainly they must have had enough for half of the guests. One gallon of wine wilf do; certainly five gallons will be enough; certainly ton. But with his family and prayed to God. While they were kneeling in prayer there was a tap on the window pane. They opened the window, and there was a raven that the family had fed and trained, and it had in its bill a ring all set with precious stones, which was lound out to be a ring belonging

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to the royal family. It was taken up to the Kingle residence, and for the honesty of the man in bringing it back he had a house given to him, and a garden and a farm. Who was it that sent the raven tapping on the window? The same God that sent the raven to feed Elijah by the brook Cherith. Christ in the hour of extremity!

You mourned over your sins. You could not find the way out. You sat down and said: "God will not be merciful. He has cast me off;" but in that, the darkest hour of your history, light broke from the throne, and Jesus said: "O, wanderer, come home. I have seen all thy sorrows. In this, the hour of thy extremity, I offer thee pardon and everlasting life!"

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Trouble came. You were almost torn to pieces by that trouble. You braced yourself up against it. You said: "I will be a stoic, and will not care;" but before you had got through making the resolution, it broke down under you. You felt that all your resources were gone, and then Jesus came. "In the fourth watch of the night," the Bible says, "Jesus came walking on the sea." Why did he not come in the first watch? or in the second watch? or in the third watch? I do not know. He came in the fourth, and gave deliverance to His disciples. Jesus in the last extremity!

I wonder if it will be so in our very last extremity. We shall fall suddenly sick, and doctors will come, but in vain. We will try the anodynes and the stimulants and the bathings, but all in vain. Something will say: "You must go." No one to hold us back, but the hands of eternity stretched out to pull us on. What then? Jesus will come to us, and as we say, "Lord Jesus, I am afraid of that wates; I cannot wade through to the other side," He will say: "Take hold of my arm," and we will take hold of His arm, and then He will put His foot in the surf of the wave, taking us on down deeper, deeper, deeper, and our soul will cry: "All tny waves and billows have gone over me." They gover the feet, come to the knee, pass the girdle and come to the head, and our soul cries out: "Lord Jesus Christ, I cannot hold thine arm any longer." Then Jesus will turn around, throw both His arms about us, and set us on the beach, far beyond the tossing of the billows: Jesus in the last extremity.

TO THAT GRANDEE WEDDING.

TO THAT GRANDER WEDDING. That wedding scene is gone now. The wedding ring has been lost, the tankards have been broken, the house is down; but Jesus invites us to a grander wedding. You know the Bible says that the church is the Lamb's wife, and

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us to a grander wedding. You know the Bible says that the church is the Lamb's wife, and the Lord will after a while come to fetch her home. There will be a gleaming of torches in the sky, and the trumpets of God will ravish the air with their music, and Jesus will stratch out His hand, and the church robed in white, will put aside her vell, and look up into the face of the Lord the King, and the bridegroom will say to the bride: "Thou hast been faithful through all these years! The mansion is ready! Come home! Thom art fair, my love!" and then be shall put upon her brow the crown of dominion, and the table will be spread, and it will reach across the skies, and the mighty ones of heaven will come in, garlanded with beauty and striking their cymbals; and the bridegroom and bride will stand at the head of the table, and the banqueters, looking up, will wonder and admire, and say: "That is Jesus the bridegroom! But the scar on his brow is covered with the coronet, and the stab in his side is covered with a robe!" and "That is then bride! The weariness of her earthly woe lost in the flush of this wedding triumpli!"

There will be wine enough at that wedding; not coming up from the poisoned vats of earth, but the vineyards of God will press their ripest clusters, and the cups and the tankards will blush to the brim with the heavenly vintage, and then all the banqueters will drink standing. Esther having come up from bacchanilian revely of Ahasuerus, where a thousand lords feasted, will be there. And the yale wedding of Cana, will be there. And they are wedding of Cana, will be there. And they are wedding of Cana, will be there. And they are wedding of the feast: "Thou hast kept the good wine in that holy light, they shall cry to the Lord of the feast: "Thou hast kept the good wine

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